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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 4, 1999 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued November 4, 1999 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due February 4, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action. A check in the amount \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the one month extension of time fee. Accordingly, a response is now due March 4, 2000. However, since March 4, 2000 fell on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, namely, Monday, March 6, 2000, is considered timely pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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